GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COLLISION OF INDIAN NAVY SUBMARINE WITH A MERCHANT SHIP
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Navy submarine INS Sindhughosh failed to detect a ship and collided with it in the Arabian Sea on January 7, 2008;

(b) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for failure of the submarine to detect the ship;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to strengthen the submarine force of Indian Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(d): On the 7th January, 2008 the Indian Navy submarine, INS Sindhughosh, collided with a merchant ship in the Arabian Sea.A Board of Enquiry has been constituted by the Indian Navy to investigate into the circumstances leading to the collision.

Strengthening of submarine force is an ongoing process.